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SUBJECT: POLISH FISHING VESSEL "LEPUS" SEIZED FOR
CFZ VIOLATION

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1. POLISH VESSEL "LEPUS" WAS SEIZED ABOUT NOON SUNDAY BY
CGC VIGOROUS AFTER BEING OBSERVED FISHING THREE-QUARTERS
OF A MILE WITHIN U.S. 12-MILE LIMIT. SEIZURE SOUTH OF
FIRE ISLAND (OFF LONG ISLAND) FOLLOWED POSITION FIXES
BY TWO COAST GUARD VESSELS. F/V LEPUS NOW MOORED
AT GOVERNOR'S ISLAND, NEW YORK CITY. ACTION BY FEDERAL
DISTRICT ATTORNEY, NEW YORK, PENDS.

2. WHEN SEIZED THE 2690-TON LEPUS CARRIED 330 METRIC TONS
OF MACKEREL. MASTER OF THE 98-MAN VESSEL IS OLEJNICZAK
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3. FOLLOWING SEIZURE MASTER SPOKE WITH POLISH EMBASSY
HERE AND CONSULATE IN NEW YORK. EMBASSY HAS HAD LITTLE
OF SUBSTANCE TO SAY TO DEPARTMENT, OTHER THAN STRESSING
THAT THEIR CAPTAINS HAVE BEEN REPEATEDLY WARNED TO AVOID
CFZ. POLISH VESSELS ARE INSTRUCTED TO REMAIN AT LEAST
13 MILES OFF U.S. COAST. (THE SOVIETS MORE CAUTIOUSLY HAVE
ASKED CAPTAINS TO REMAIN 15 MILES FROM COAST.)

4. F/V LEPUS WAS NOT USING MOST OF NAVIGATIONAL
EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE TO IT. IN THE EVENT GOP ARGUES THAT
POLISH NAVIGATIONAL FIX WAS DIFFERENT THAN THOSE
PERFORMED BY COAST GUARD VESSELS, POST MAY REPLY THAT IT
IS RESPONSIBILITY OF VESSEL TO NAVIGATE PRECISELY. REFTEL
PROVIDES ADDITIONAL GENERAL GUIDELINES.

5. DEPARTMENT WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED.
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